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AVENGE THE EARTH!

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ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW!

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IF YOU'RE READING THIS, KATIE, YOU'VE MADE IT TO YOUR SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

FOR THAT MUCH I'M GRATEFUL.

I KNOW HANK HAS RAISED YOU WELL.

HE'S A GOOD MAN, THE ONLY OTHER SOUL WHO DIDN'T GIVE UP ON HUMANITY.

HE DELIVERED YOU INTO THIS WORLD, AND AS YOUR GODFATHER, I KNEW HE WOULD SEE YOU THROUGH IT.

IT WAS HANK WHO DIAGNOSED YOU AS HUMAN.

HANK WHO FORCED US TO REALIZE THAT YOU'D NEVER BE SAFE HERE.

THAT EIMIN'S FORCES WOULD NEVER STOP HUNTING YOU SHOULD YOUR EXISTENCE BE DISCOVERED.

THAT'S ONLY ONE OF THE REASONS WE'VE CONTINUED OUR STRUGGLE TO UNDO THIS.

I CAN'T ABIDE MY FAILURE TO UNITE MAN AND MUTANT.

CAN'T ABIDE WHAT THAT LED TO.

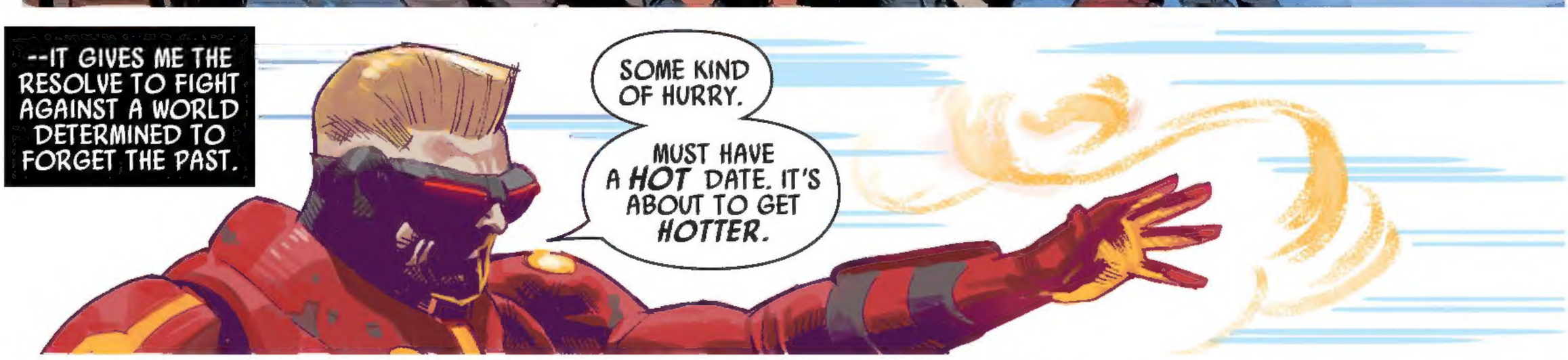
WHEN UNITY WAS MOST NEEDED, WE WERE DIVIDED.

I WAS THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEM TOGETHER...

...AND I WAS THE ONE WHO FAILED THE EARTH.
COMING THROUGH!

HEY--!
SORRY.
I'M MORE SORRY THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW THAT WE COULDN'T BE THERE TO RAISE YOU.

PLEASE KNOW IT'S OUR LOVE FOR YOU THAT FUELS THIS STRUGGLE.
AIN'T NOWHERE TA RUN, SUMMERS!
HOOF--!
LOOKING INTO YOUR EYES, THE SAME COLOR AS MY MOTHER'S--


--IT GIVES ME THE RESOLVE TO FIGHT AGAINST A WORLD DETERMINED TO FORGET THE PAST.
SOME KIND OF HURRY.
MUST HAVE A HOT DATE. IT'S ABOUT TO GET HOTTER.

EIMIN HAS REWRITTEN HISTORY.
CONVINCED SCOTT AND HIS X-MEN THAT THE DAY OF ARMAGEDDON WAS INEVITABLE.
THAT ALL BLAME LIES WITH THOR, THE AVENGERS--

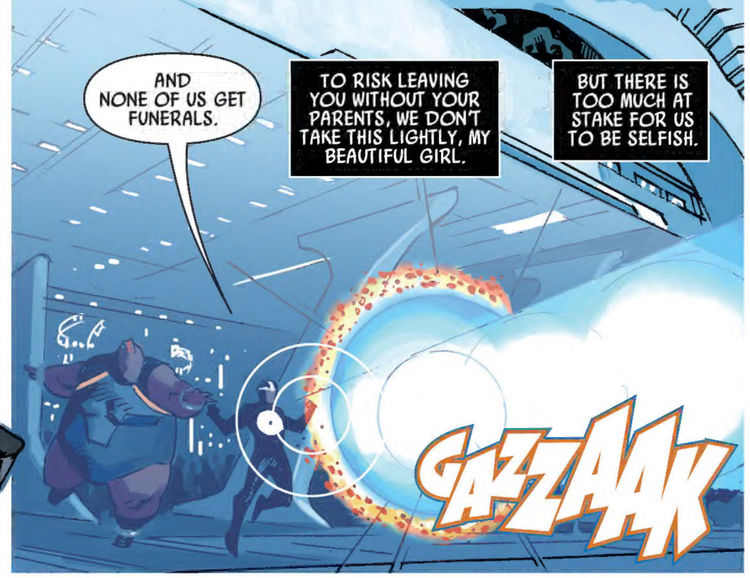
--AND WITH ME.
THE HELL--?!
SHE'S CONVINCED EVERYONE TO ACCEPT THE DEATH OF HUMANITY.

DON'T JUDGE THEM.
FROOOSH
WHOA!
THEY WEREN'T THERE TO SEE THE TRUTH.

BUT YOUR MOTHER WAS.
SHE WATCHED IT HAPPEN.
AND IT WAS AVOIDABLE.
HAD WE MUTANTS BEEN THERE TO HELP.

POOR LITTLE HAVOK.
FAMB
ONCE THEY WORK OUT WHAT WE MEAN TO DO--

--THEY'LL GO TO ANY LENGTHS TO STOP US.
NO FRIEND IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD.
WITH ONE WIDE ENEMY BARRELING DOWN ON YA!
BUT WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO, IT IS THE RIGHT THING.



--I HAVE TO DESTROY PLANET X.

PREVIOUSLY IN

UNCANNY AVENGERS

URIEL AND EIMIN, THE REBELLIOUS PROTÉGÉS OF THE TIME-TRAVELING MASTERMIND KANG, ANNOUNCED THEIR ARRIVAL ON PRESENT DAY EARTH BY FELLING A CELESTIAL, DOOMING THE PLANET TO DESTRUCTION. HELLBENT ON ENSURING THE SURVIVAL OF MUTANTKIND, THE APOCALYPSE TWINS RAPTURED THE MUTANT RACE ABOARD THEIR INTERSTELLAR ARK, PLANNING TO TRANSPORT THEM TO A NEW HOMEWORLD.

AS THE CELESTIAL EXECUTIONER, EXITAR, BORE DOWN ON EARTH, THE REMNANTS OF THE AVENGERS UNITY SQUAD RACED TO SAVE THE DOOMED PLANET. THOR ENGAGED URIEL AND EIMIN IN COMBAT AS THE WASP ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY THE TWINS' TACHYON DAM, WHICH WOULD ALLOW IMMORTUS, PROTECTOR OF THE TIMESTREAM, TO COME TO THE AVENGERS' AID. BUT WHILE THOR DID MANAGE TO DEFEAT URIEL, BOTH AVENGERS ULTIMATELY FAILED. AS EXITAR REDUCED THE EARTH TO LITTLE MORE THAN DUST, THE APOCALYPSE TWINS' ARK SPED OFF INTO SPACE...

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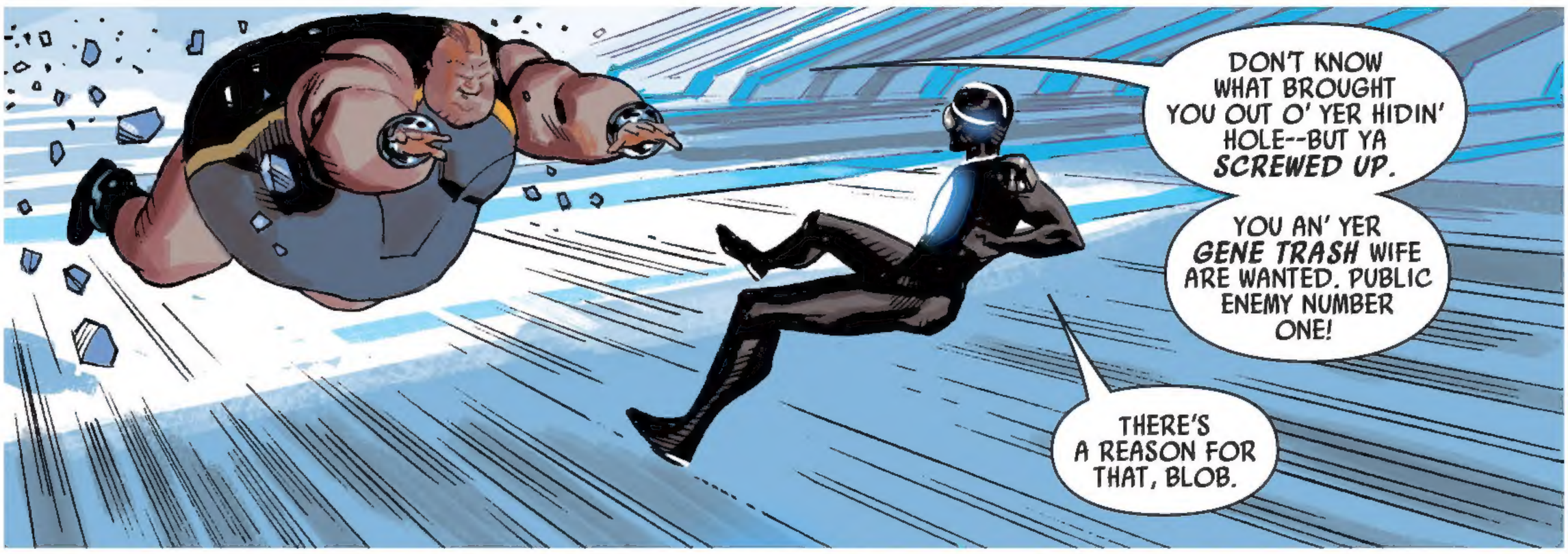
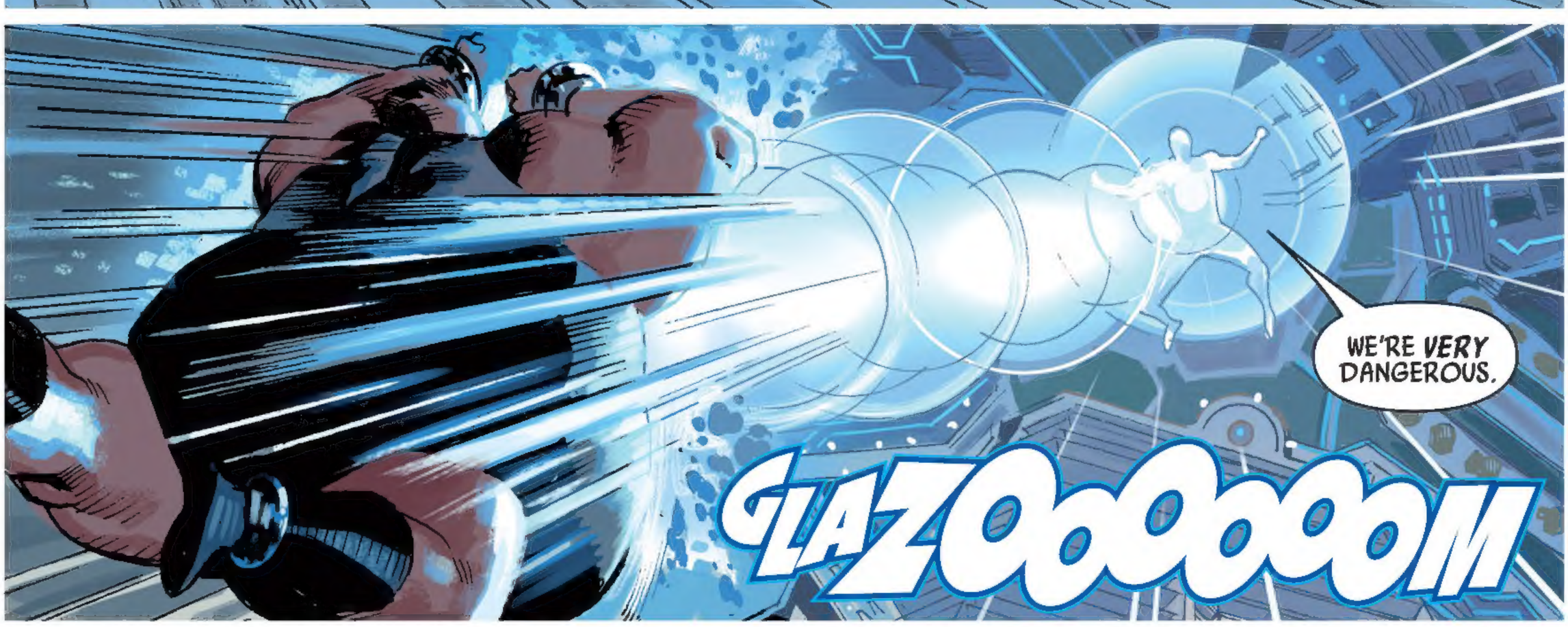
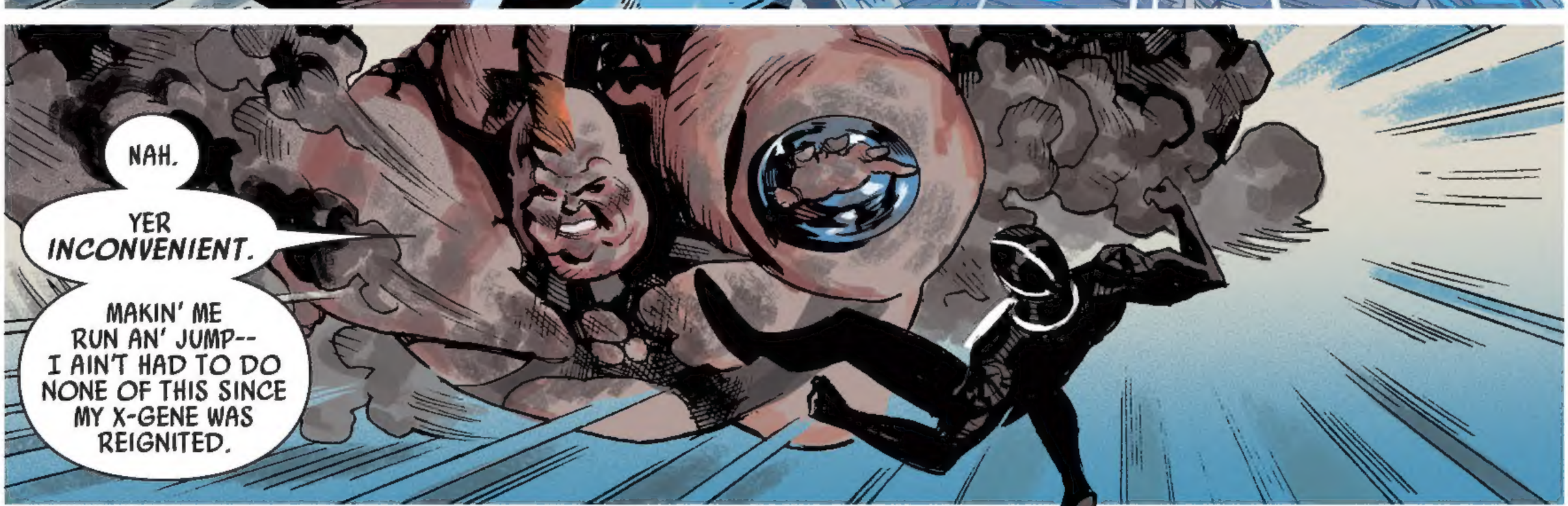
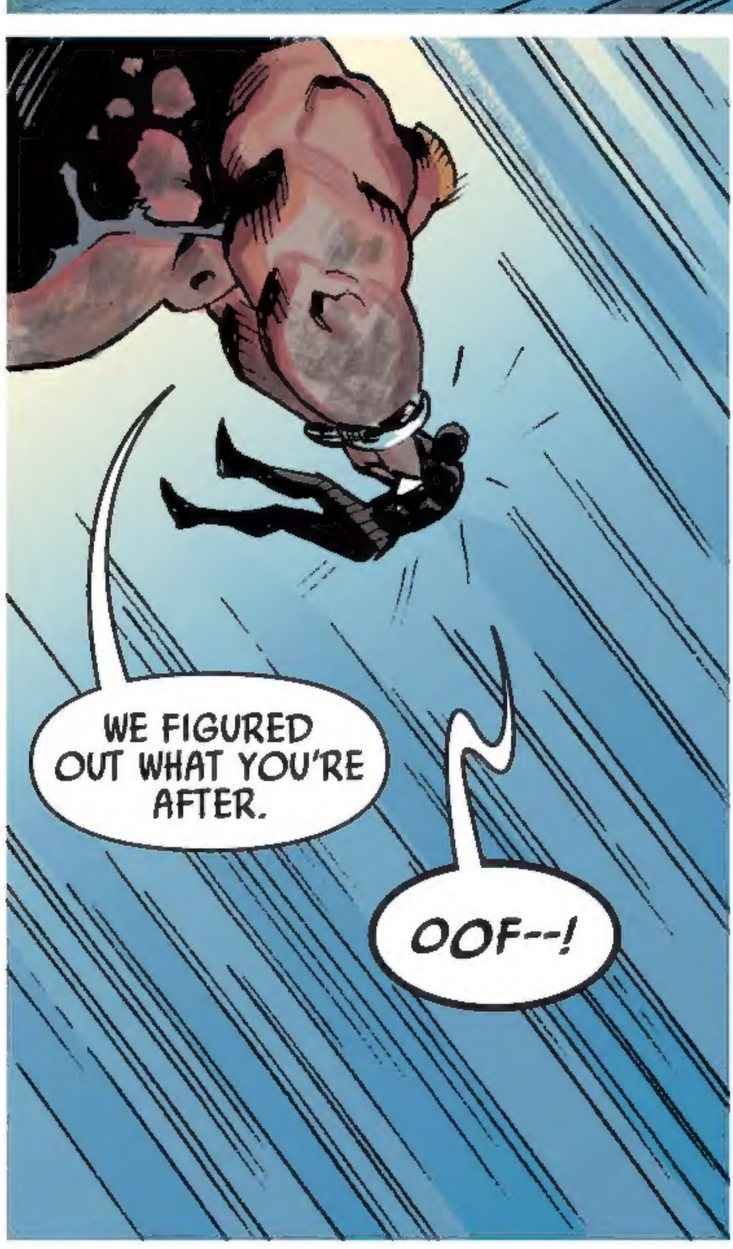
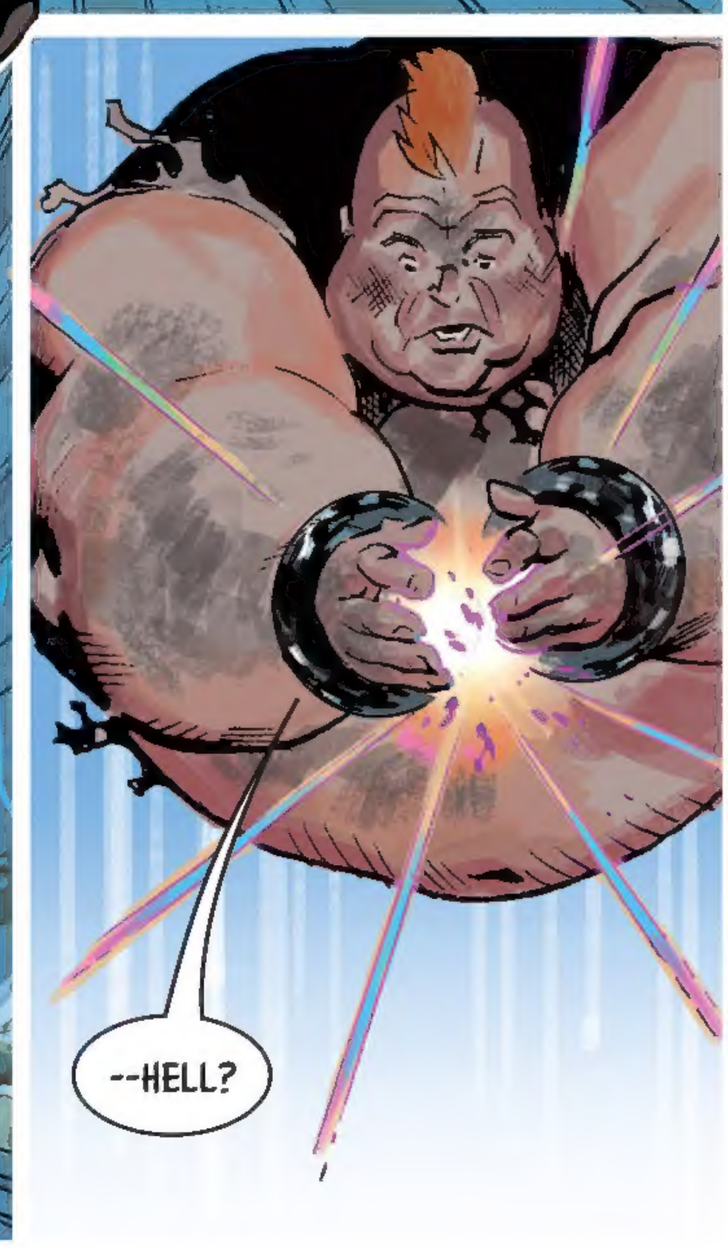

DON'T KNOW WHAT BROUGHT YOU OUT O' YER HIDIN' HOLE--BUT YA *SCREWED UP*.
YOU AN' YER *GENE TRASH* WIFE ARE WANTED. PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE!
THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT, BLOB.

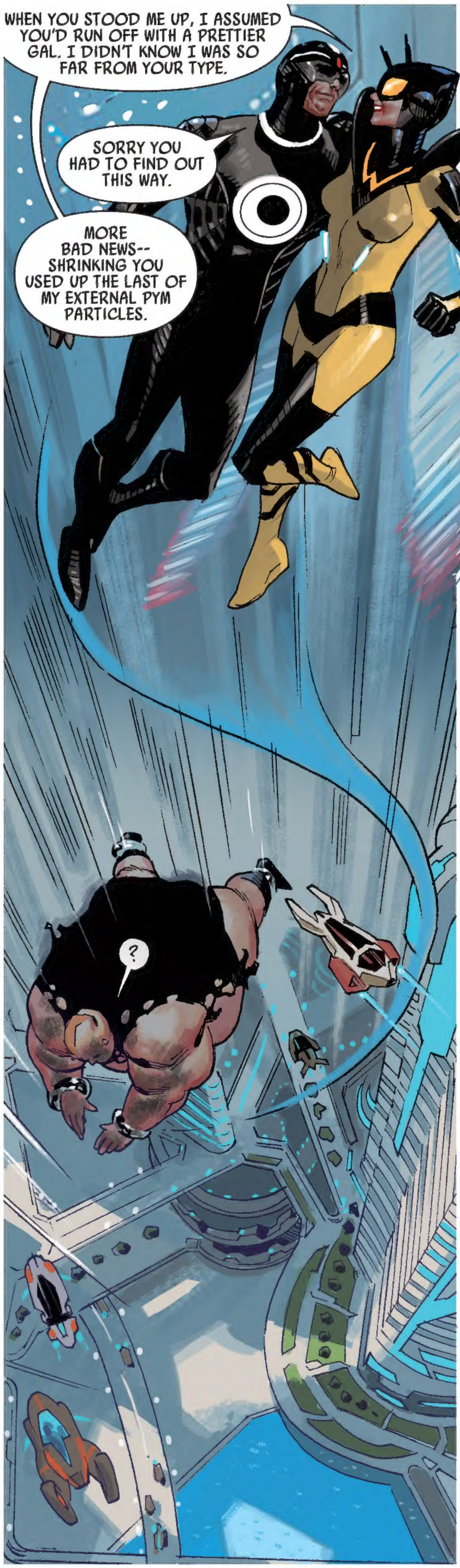

WE'RE *VERY* DANGEROUS.
GLAZOOOOOOM


NAH.
YER *INCONVENIENT*.
MAKIN' ME RUN AN' JUMP-- I AIN'T HAD TO DO NONE OF THIS SINCE MY X-GENE WAS REIGNITED.


WE FIGURED OUT WHAT YOU'RE AFTER.
OOF--!

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SCREW EVERYTHIN' UP FOR US, *CHUMP?*
TEAR DOWN OUR *HEAVEN* SO WE CAN ALL GO BACK TO THAT--


--HELL?


WHEN YOU STOOD ME UP, I ASSUMED YOU'D RUN OFF WITH A PRETTIER GAL. I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS SO FAR FROM YOUR TYPE.
SORRY YOU HAD TO FIND OUT THIS WAY.
MORE BAD NEWS-- SHRINKING YOU USED UP THE LAST OF MY EXTERNAL PYM PARTICLES.
?

ALL THE MORE REASON TO ABORT THE OPERATION.
THEY'RE ONTO US, JANET. THEY KNOW WE MEAN TO DESTROY THE TACHYON DAM.
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WE'LL HAVE AT IT.

ANY OF YOU DON'T WANNA BE CRUSHED BY A COUPLE TONS OF SEXY-- LOOK OUT!

NO MUTANTS WILL DIE ON MY WATCH--
WHA...?

--SAVE ONE.
I ASSUME IT WAS THEM?
YUP. HEADIN' IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARK.
CONFIRMING MY SUSPICIONS.

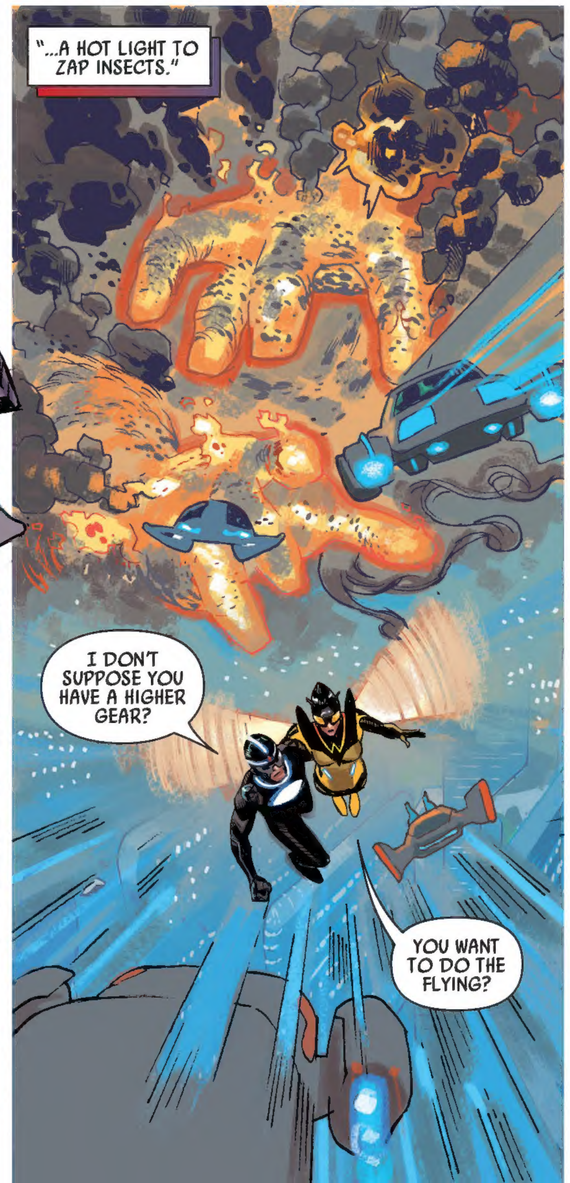
X-FORCE: LET'S FINISH IT.
"ARE YOU SURE THAT BEAST CAN SEND US BACK?"

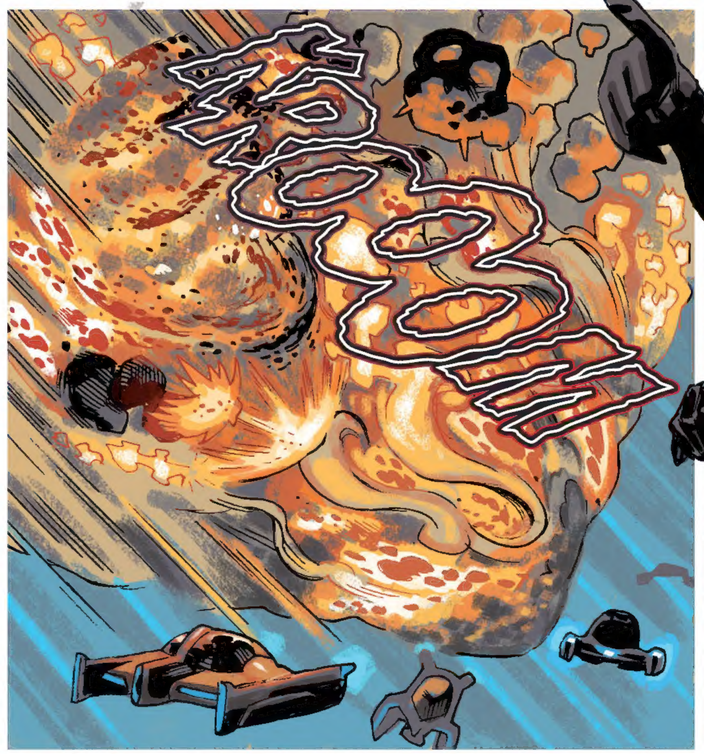
ALL OF US?
WORKING ON IT?
HE TOLD ME HE WAS WORKING ON IT.

IT'S HANK. HE'S DONE IT BEFORE, HE CAN DO IT AGAIN.
SO WE'RE ATTEMPTING A FULL FRONTAL ASSAULT ON THE APOCALYPSE ARK, IN BROAD DAYLIGHT--AND WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE THIS CAN WORK?
IT'LL WORK. IF IT DOESN'T...

...THEN THERE TRULY IS NO HOPE.

FANCY TRICK, BOSS.
QUITE SIMPLE.
INDUCTION, THE PROCESS OF HEATING METALS WITH HIGH MAGNETISM...


"...A HOT LIGHT TO ZAP INSECTS."
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A HIGHER GEAR?
YOU WANT TO DO THE FLYING?


WHOOSH

MAKE ME FULL SIZE-- NOW!
I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE PYM PARTICLES! I WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH YOU--
DO IT!

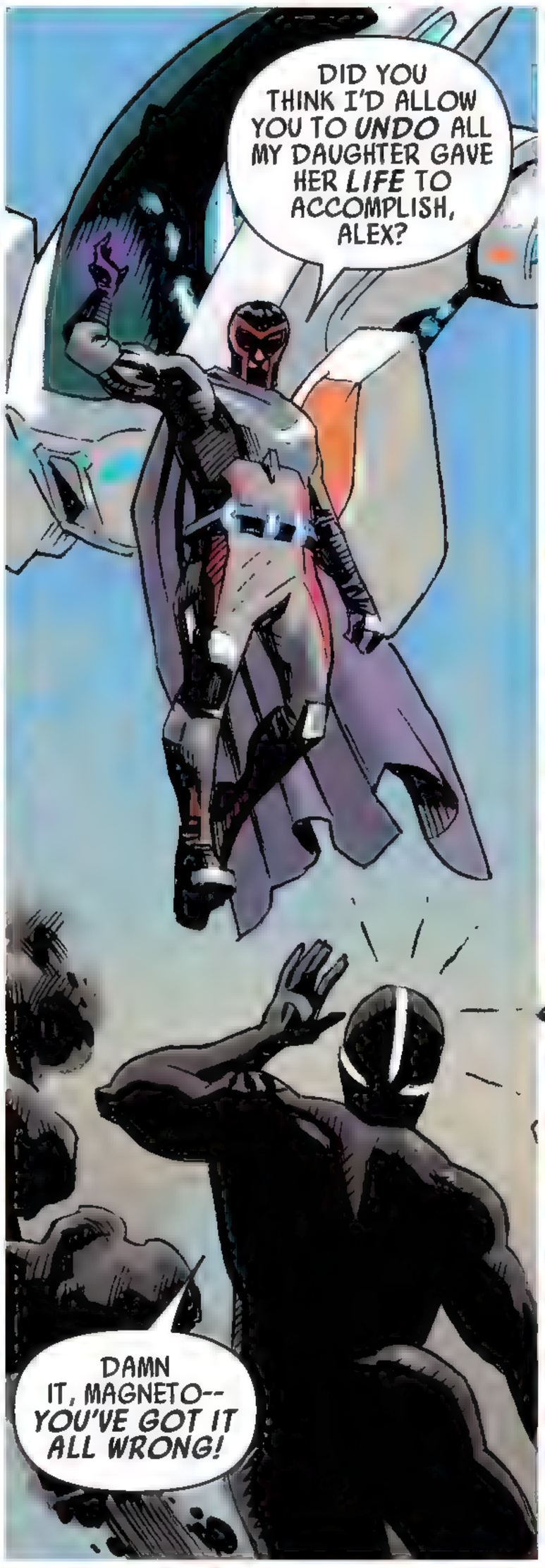
I DO LOVE IT WHEN YOU'RE FORCEFUL.
THEN YOU SHOULD LOVE THIS.

I GOT A VISUAL, BOSS!
HE'S FALLING RIGHT--
--AT ME.
I FEEL JUST TERRIBLE ABOUT THIS, TOAD.
REALLY.
GRAZOOM
GHRAGH--
HOW'D I DO?
YOU'VE SECURED YOURSELF A SECOND DATE AT THE VERY LEAST.
HOW DO I UP THE ODDS ON THIS ONE HAVING A HAPPY ENDING?
LOOKIN' TA GET LUCKY, SUMMERS?
YOU COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

K-BRAAM
I CAN TEACH YA HOW TA MAKE A REAL IMPACT WITH THE DAMES.
GET UP, ALEX!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE--!
QUIVER IN HER VOICE. BAD MEMORIES BUBBLE UP.
LAST TIME SHE TRIED TO BLOW UP THIS DAM...
...CAPTAIN AMERICA WAS SLAUGHTERED IN FRONT OF HER.
BLAMES HERSELF FOR NOT KILLING THE GRIM REAPER.
HOOF!
NEVER TOLD HER I DID THE JOB FOR HER LAST YEAR.
I'VE GOT BLOB.
GO--TAKE THAT DAMNED THING DOWN!
GIVE IT EVERY OUNCE OF COSMIC STEAM YOU'VE GOT LEFT!

I LOVE YOU.
YOU BETTER.

COME ON NOW, LITTLE DEBUTANTE!
SEE HOW A REAL MAN PARTIES!
AT THE BUFFET TABLE, I'M ASSUMING.
THUMP
THUMP


DID YOU THINK I'D ALLOW YOU TO *UNDO* ALL MY DAUGHTER GAVE HER *LIFE* TO ACCOMPLISH, ALEX?
DAMN IT, MAGNETO-- *YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!*

ONE OF US DOES.

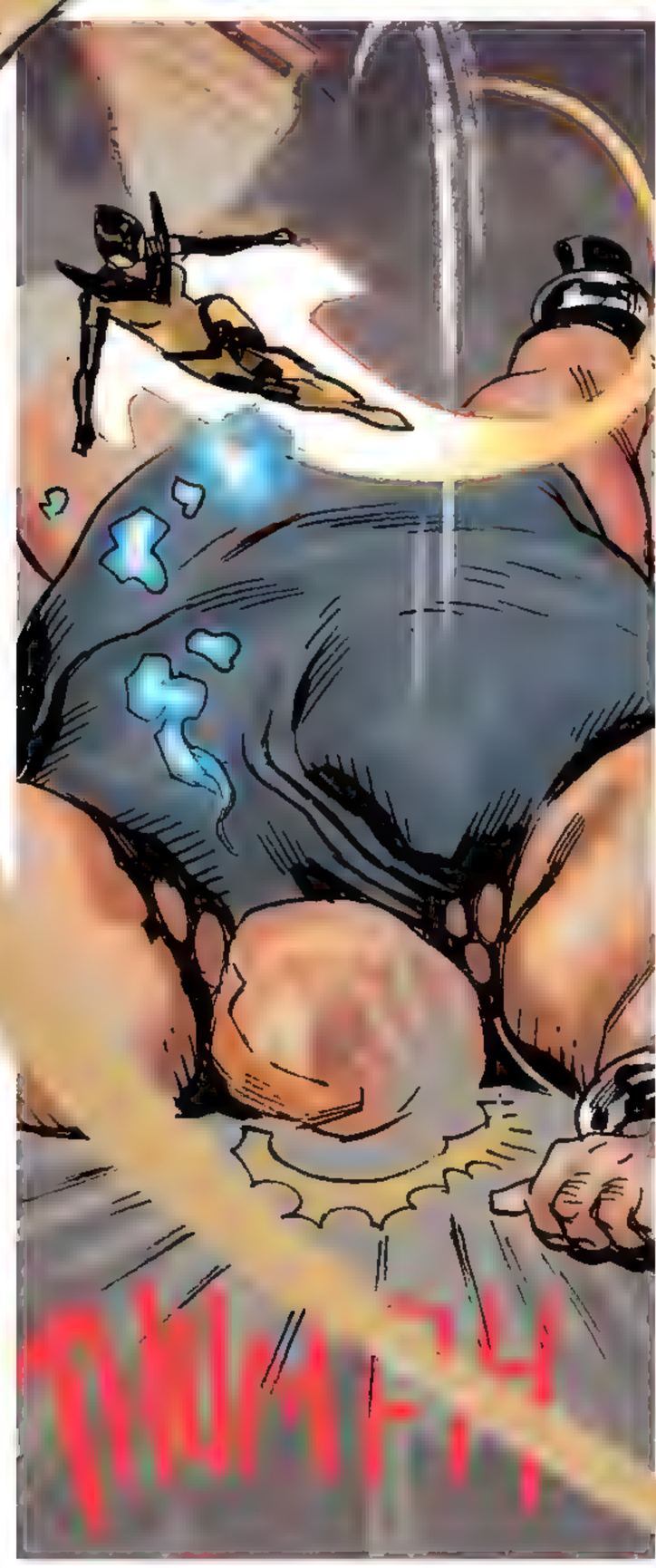
I DON'T APPRECIATE FAT JOKES, GIRLIE, 'LESS I'M THE ONE MAKIN' 'EM.

BOOOOM

BE LIKE ME MAKIN' SLURS ABOUT YOU BEIN' A HELPLESS HUMAN SLUG PIECE O' GENE TRASH!
THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BEING--

?

--MINE WAS FUNNY.



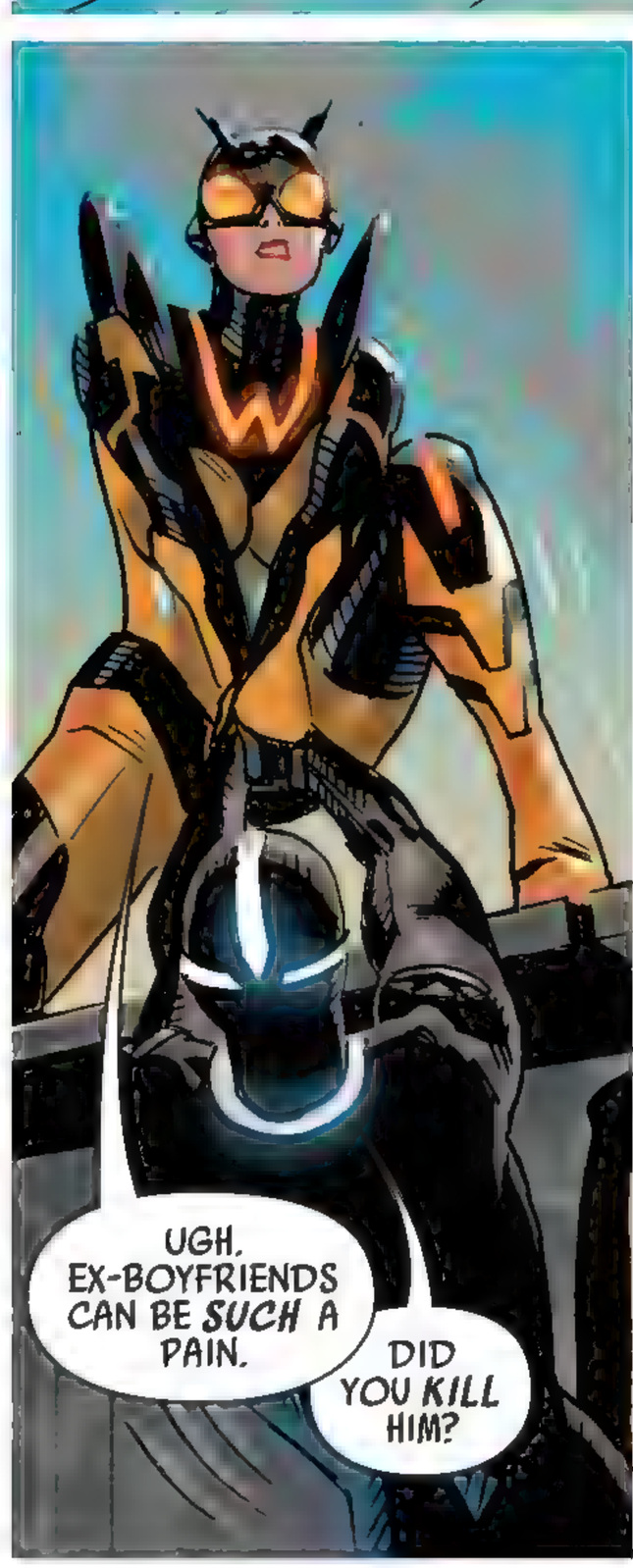
WHY, ALEX?
WHY RISK THIS UTOPIA TO SAVE A POPULATION THAT WENT TO SUCH LENGTHS TO *HUNT* AND *KILL* US?
THIS WORLD IS BUILT ON THE GRAVES OF *BILLIONS* OF INNOCENTS!
INNOCENT BLOOD ON *EIMIN'S* HANDS!

I SEE WHY YOU HOLD ONTO THIS AVENGERS LEADERSHIP NONSENSE SO FERVENTLY.
YOU MARRIED ONE.
BETRAYED YOUR OWN PEOPLE TO SIDE WITH THEM.
SADLY, YOU'RE NO AVENGER, ALEX...

...BECAUSE THERE IS NO LONGER SUCH A THING. THE VERY NAME "AVENGER" IS DETESTED.
EVERYONE KNOWS THE TRUTH-- THE AVENGERS FAILED.

THOR'S HUBRIS ANGERED THE CELESTIALS AND EARTH PAID FOR IT.
YOUR WIFE HAS BEEN POISONING YOUR THOUGHTS--DESPERATELY CLINGING TO A TRUTH MORE TO HER SUITING--

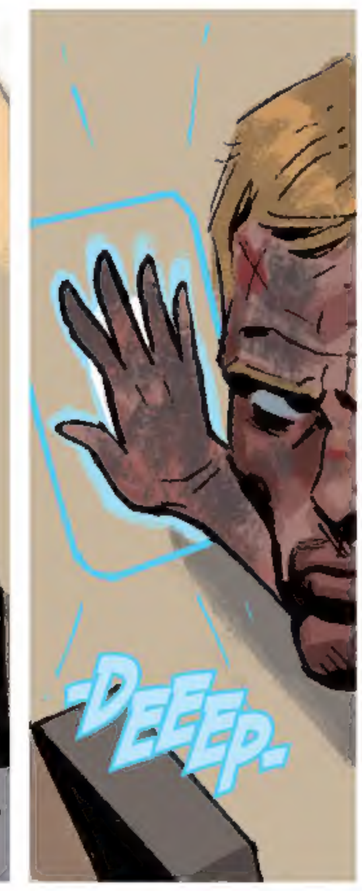
WHAP


UGH. EX-BOYFRIENDS CAN BE SUCH A PAIN.
DID YOU KILL HIM?

NEVER. AVENGERS DON'T KILL.
IF WE CAST ASIDE OUR PRINCIPAL BELIEFS WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT US?
I NEEDED TO HEAR THAT.
THIS TACHYON DAM IS THE REASON IMMORTUS COULDN'T INTERCEDE.
THE REASON WE CAN'T GO BACK IN TIME TO CHANGE THINGS.
AND EVEN IF IT KILLS US...

...I'M GOING TO OPEN THAT DOOR.
GRAZAAAK
KRAUUU

"...HE WILL COME TO US."



IT'S WORSE THAN I FEARED.

WE TOOK DOWN THE TACHYON TRANSMITTER.

I SAW. I'VE BEEN RUNNING TESTS SINCE.

AND? CAN YOU SEND US BACK?

I HAVE BAD NEWS, ALEX.

I HYPOTHESIZED THAT THE DAM GOING DOWN HERE WOULD ELIMINATE THE TACHYONS...BUT THEY ARE STILL SOMEHOW ANCHORED IN THIS ERA.

IN THE TIMEFRAME WE WISH TO ENTER, THE DAM IS STILL UP. THERE IS NO WAY ANY PHYSICAL BODY CAN GO BACK.

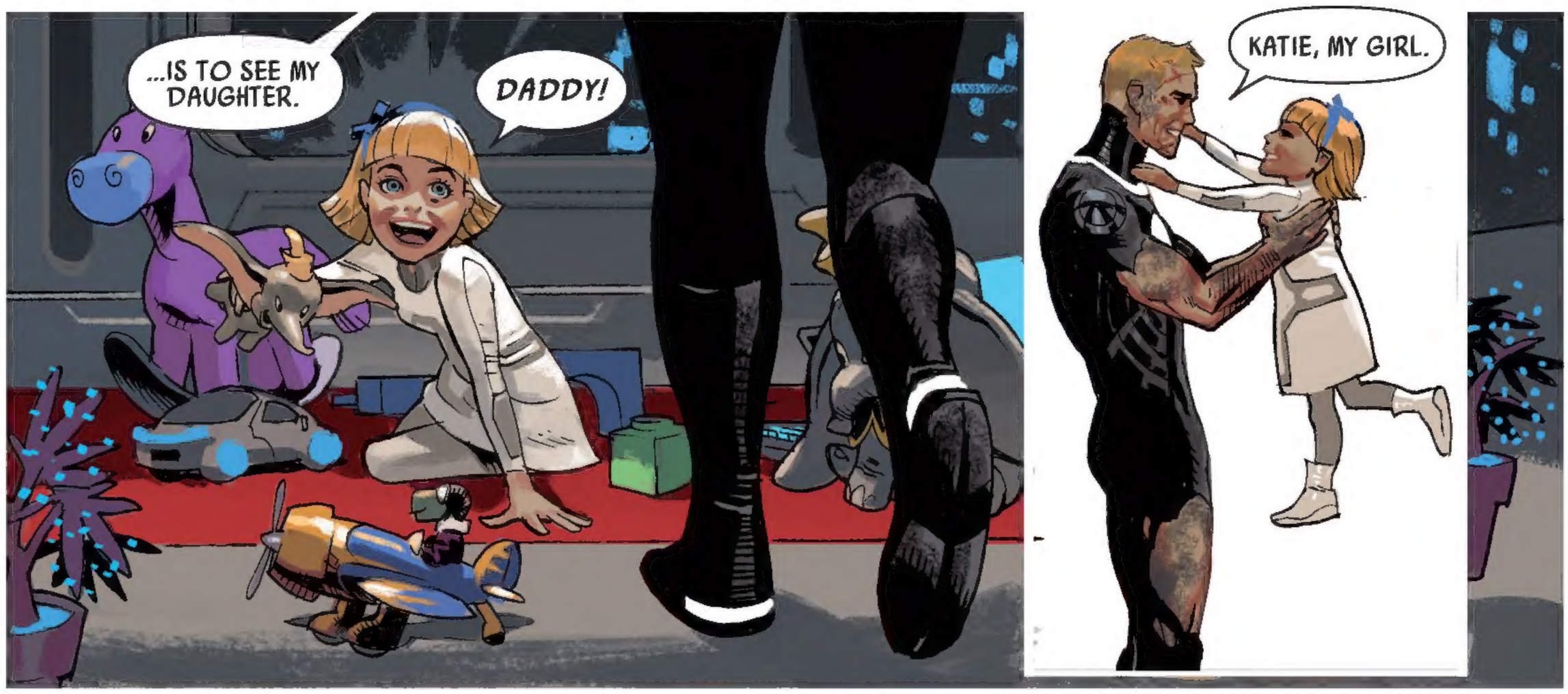
THEN WHY THE HELL DID WE JUST RISK OUR LIVES?!

DON'T YOU *DARE* PUT THIS ON ME.

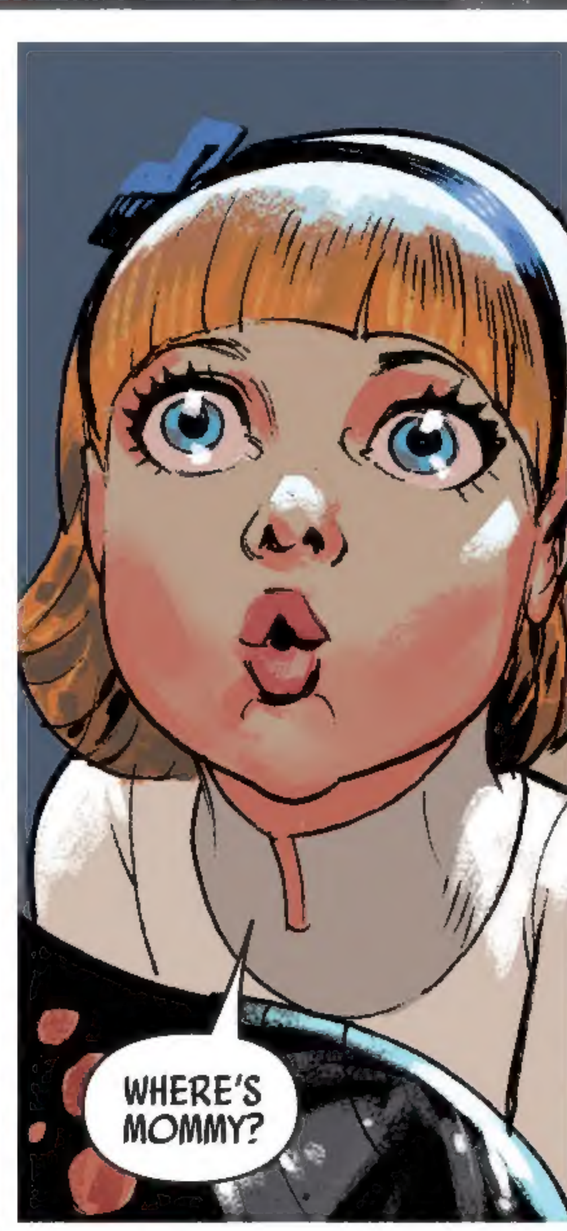
I TOLD YOU I ***WASN'T SURE.*** TOLD YOU I COULDN'T KNOW UNTIL THE DAM WAS DOWN!

I'M SORRY... YOU'RE RIGHT. WE KNEW THE RISKS.

RIGHT NOW THE ONLY THING I WANT...


...IS TO SEE MY DAUGHTER.
DADDY!
KATIE, MY GIRL.

OH, SILLY DADDY. I MISSED YOU!
UNCLE HANK AND I MADE A NEW PLANT!
DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?!
OF COURSE.


WHERE'S MOMMY?

SHE-- SHE'S COMING, BEAUTIFUL.
SHE'LL BE HOME WITH US SOON.
I PROMISE.

JANET BELIEVED THAT IF WE GOT THE DAM DOWN, IMMORTUS WAS WAITING TO SEND AN ARMY TO HELP US.
HELP US DO WHAT?
SAVE EARTH.

YOUR WASP HAD IT HALF RIGHT...

...ONLY IT IS
KANG THE CONQUEROR
WHO HOLDS MANKIND'S FINAL HOPE, HAVOK.
AND YOURS.
To Be Continued...

ZONE